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points will be awarded to projects benefiting from the leveraging of funds in order to improve compatibility and coordination between the Agency and other agencies' selection systems and for those projects that are the most cost effective.

(2) In selecting projects for funding at the National Office level, additional points will be awarded based on the priority assigned to the project by the State Office. These points will be awarded in the manner shown below. Only the three highest priority projects for a State will be awarded points. The Administrator may assign up to 30 additional points to account for geographic distribution of funds, emergency conditions caused by economic problems, natural disasters, or leveraging of funds.

Priority	Points
1	5
2	3
3	1

§ 3570.68 Selection process.

Each request for grant assistance will be carefully scored and prioritized to determine which projects should be selected for further development and funding.

(a) *Selection of applications for further processing.* The approval official will, subject to paragraph (b) of this section, authorize grants for those eligible preapplications with the highest priority score. When selecting projects, the following circumstances must be considered:

(1) Scoring of project and scores of other applications on hand;

(2) Funds available in the State allocation; and

(3) If other Community Facilities financial assistance is needed for the project, the availability of other funding sources.

(b) *Lower scoring projects.* (1) In cases when preliminary cost estimates indicate that an eligible, high-scoring application is not feasible, or would require grant assistance exceeding 50 percent of a State's current annual allocation, or an amount greater than that remaining in the State's allocation, the approval official may instead select the next lower-scoring application for

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further processing provided the high-scoring applicant is notified of this action and given an opportunity to review the proposal and resubmit it prior to selection of the next application.

(2) If it is found that there is no effective way to reduce costs, the approval official, after consultation with the applicant, may request an additional allocation of funds from the National office.

§ 3570.69 Environmental review, intergovernmental review, and public notification.

All grants awarded under this subpart, including grant-only awards, are subject to the environmental requirements of 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, to the intergovernmental review requirements of 7 CFR 3015, subpart V and RD Instruction 1970-I, 'Intergovernmental Review,' available in any Agency office or on the Agency's Web site, and the public information process in 7 CFR 1942.17(j)(9).

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§ 3570.70 Other considerations.

Each application must contain the comments, necessary certifications, and recommendations of appropriate Federal or State regulatory or other agency or institution having expertise in the planning, operation, and management of similar facilities as required by 7 CFR parts 1942, subparts A and C, and 3575, subpart A. Proposals for facilities financed in whole or in part with Agency funds will be coordinated with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies as required by the following:

(a) Grants under this subpart are subject to the provisions of 7 CFR 1942.17(k) which include title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and the regulations issued thereto. Certain housing-related projects, such as nursing homes, group homes, or assisted-living facilities, must comply with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

(b) Governmentwide debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) and requirements for drug-free workplace are applicable to CFG and grantees. See 7